

TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Regular meeting minutes: March 26, 2008

1: Call to order

Chair Cecil Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Tiverton Town Hall

Members present: Laura Epke, Frank Marshall, Ray Medeiros, Bob Koohy, Deb Pallasch, Diane Harris Absent: Richard Joslin, Stanley Zeramby

2: Approval of minutes

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by R. Medeiros, to approve minutes for March 19, 2008. Motion approved with B. Koohy and C. Leonard abstaining.

3. Commission discussion of FTM alternative

Motion by C. Leonard, seconded by B. Koohy, to add to agenda for discussion purposes only a review of Section 905 and Article 4 (TC) of the charter. In favor L. Epke, R. Medeiros, B. Koohy, D. Pallasch, D. Harris and C. Leonard. Opposed F. Marshall.

A memorandum from the town solicitor re: section 905 was distributed by the Chair.

Discussion of the sections noted above ensued with no action taken.

FTM

Statement was prepared and read by F. Marshall relative to the roll and responsibilities of the Appropriations Committee. Statement attached.

Per vote at the March 19, 2008 meeting, the FTM alternative to be put before the voters was reconsidered. Substantial discussion ensued relative to the following alternatives:

1. Town council approval with citizen petition failsafe
2. Appropriations Committee approval with citizen petition failsafe
3. All day referendum

L. Epke, seconded by B. Koohy, made motion to put forth alternative #1 (TC approves) to the voters. In favor: L. Epke. Against: D. Harris, R. Medeiros, D. Pallasch, C. Leonard and F. Marshall. Abstain: B. Koohy. Motion failed.

F. Marshall, seconded by C. Leonard, made motion to put forth alternative #2 (Appropriation Committee approves) to the voters. In favor: R. Medeiros, F. Marshall and C. Leonard. Against: D. Harris, D. Pallasch and L. Epke. Abstain: B. Koohy. Motion failed.

D. Harris, seconded by D. Pallasch, made a motion to put forth alternative #3 (All day referendum) to the voters. In favor: L. Epke, D. Harris, D. Pallasch, and B. Koohy. Against: R. Medeiros, F. Marshall, and C. Leonard. Motion passed.

4. Adjournment

The Commission's March 26, 2008 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.